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*diverse beliefs,
common purpose.*

Today At Our Fellowship
Thursday, April 3, 2025

This Weekend @ AUUF

Thursday 4/3/25

5:30 – 7:00 pm Anti-Racism Team

Meeting Library & Zoom

6:30 – 8:00 pm Choir Practice in the
Sanctuary with Esme

Friday 4/4/25

8:15 – 11:15 am Music Together

Mountain Song Social Room

12:00 – 2:00 pm Freethinkers in Person
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Project: DOGE Sanctuary and Social
Room

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Sanctuary

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Room 8

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4:00 – 5:30 pm Anchorage Friends
Meeting Sanctuary & Social Room

Monday 4/7/25

1:00 – 3:00 pm Knitting group Room 7

3:30 – 6:00 pm Private Rental

6:30 – 8:00 pm Fireweed Sangha of
Mindful Living - Private Rental Visitors
Welcome Room 5

Tuesday 4/8/25

2:00 – 3:30 pm Hungry Book Club
Upstairs Library

6:00 – 7:00 pm Community Connection -
Private Room 8

Wednesday 4/9/25

2:45 – 5:45 pm Music Together Mountain
Song Social Room

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2:00 – 3:00 pm UU HR Meeting

5:30 – 7:00 pm CYRE Team Meeting - In
Person & Zoom Library

6:30 – 8:00 pm Choir Practice Sanctuary

Attention non-AUUF Members

Annual Business Meeting is Sunday May 4 @ 10 am

Our Annual Business Meeting is Sun. May 4 @ 10 am. Our bylaws state that new members must sign the membership book at least 30 days prior to the meeting in order to vote at the meeting. **That deadline date is Friday, April 4th.** Please contact connections@anchorageuuf.org for more information, or if you're ready to become a member.



The Forum IN PERSON & on Zoom 9:00 AM Sunday April 6, 2025
Chasing After Our Delegation in the Marble Halls of the U.S. Capitol
With Alaska Public Media D.C. Correspondent, Liz Ruskin

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Sunday Worship Service IN PERSON & on Zoom

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Ministry and the Power of Community

Ruth Greenwood & Worship Associate Cassie Thomas

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What is the AUUF Endowment Fund?

The March 16 worship service featured Rev. Summer Albayati. A part of her sermon referenced the tale of The Three Little Pigs as a metaphor acknowledging that UUs seek to build homes of brick to support our various missions.

As part of a multi-faceted financially mature financial plan, AUUF has created an Endowment Fund. The idea is that one-time gifts are contributed, and the total value grows until it reaches the goal of \$500K (in fiscal year 2022 dollars), at which point it can be used up to 4% (about \$20K) per year for one-time expenses related to AUUF that are not in the Annual Budget. The list of possible uses is very long and would be approved by the AUUF Board. Donations can be cash, through a Will, as a beneficiary of insurance/retirement, and can include assets such as stocks. Your individual Financial Advisor would have to advise you for your specifics.

Please consider AUUF in your financial planning; whether you provide a single brick or a row of bricks, together we will build a house that will not be blown down!

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June 29, July 27 and August 24

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Do you enjoy devouring books?
AUUF's Hungry Book Club may be
for you!



AUUF's Hungry Book Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 2-3:30 in the upstairs Library. If you are available and interested, please plan on joining us! We spend the initial time checking in, sharing snacks, then discussing the book. We are rotating the leadership of the discussion to the member who suggested the current book or to someone else who volunteers.

April 8th book discussion is [The Chelsea Girls](#) by Fiona Davis. It takes place mainly in the 1950's during McCarthyism and the "Red Scare", centered in the iconic Chelsea Hotel and the theatre district in New York City. I chose it to read about this historic time and how it relates to today. (And, I was able to visit the hotel last October!) As Jane Fonda said in her Lifetime Award acceptance speech, are we brave enough to do what others have done in the past, to show that same courage and community spirit? Come join us and share your thoughts!

Standing Together: How Your Support Makes a Difference in Our Community



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For nearly half a century, Standing Together Against Rape (STAR) has been a lifeline for survivors of sexual violence in Alaska. Our free and confidential Crisis Line is available 24/7, providing a crucial first point of contact for those seeking help. Whether it's day or night, our dedicated staff and volunteers are always ready to assist.

Our support doesn't stop at the helpline. Our Direct Services advocates offer immediate

crisis response, one-on-one support, medical and court accompaniment, and long-term care to ensure survivors receive comprehensive support. In fiscal year 2024, we assisted 439 clients through Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) call-outs and provided over 16,500 advocacy services for 542 clients. Our Prevention and Education programs reached more than 1,425 youth and included 54 presentations for 1,447 adults to raise community awareness. As the demand for our services continues to grow, STAR remains committed to helping survivors and educating the community. Want to get involved? Visit our website at www.staralaska.com, email us at star@staralaska.org, or call (907) 276-7279.

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 - ✓ COUNSELING SERVICES
 - ✓ EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS
 - ✓ ADVOCATING FOR POLICY CHANGES
 - ✓ LEGAL AVOCACY
 - ✓ COMMUNITY COLLABORATION
 - ✓ PROMOTING PUBLIC AWARENESS
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Our AUUF Covenant

Together . . .

We seek to be an open and welcoming community.

We strive to listen deeply and speak with one another and to our larger community with consideration and respect.

We hold each of us and all of this amazing world worthy of our attention, compassion and care.

Together we are Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.



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Room 5
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Social Room

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Meeting on Zoom
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Welcome Room 5

Tuesday 4/15/25

6:00 – 7:00 pm Community Connection -
Private Room 8
6:30 – 8:30 pm Finance Committee
Meeting

Wednesday 4/16/25

2:45 – 5:45 pm Music Together Mountain
Song Social Room
6:00 – 8:00 pm Bridging Meeting for
Highschool Senior Room 8

Thursday 4/17/25

6:30 – 9:00 pm Board of Directors
Meeting - In Person (Zoom-Contact Don)
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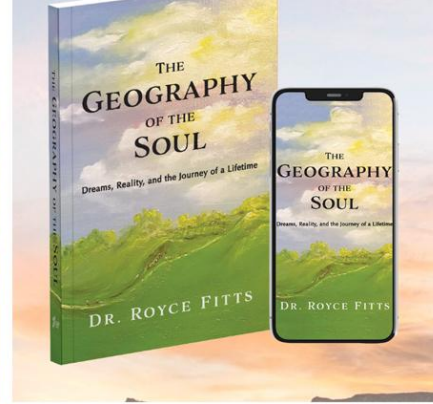
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The Forum IN PERSON & on Zoom 9:00 AM Sunday April 13, 2025
*The Forum of Your Dreams: How to Explore Your Nighttime Dreams for
Spiritual Growth and Healing and Societal Change*
Dr. Royce Fitts

The Forum

IN PERSON & on Zoom
9:00 am Sunday April 13, 2025

[Click here to join on Zoom.](#)
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Sunday Worship Service IN PERSON & on Zoom
11:00 AM Sunday April 13, 2025
*Coming of Age Celebration Service, Recognizing Denali, Bodhi, Isa, Bella & Tillman
with Jenn Bluntach & Cassie Thomas*

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AUUF's Stewardship Committee Needs Creative Minds and Skilled Helpers for Next Year's Campaign

What is Stewardship tasked with? Basically, Stewardship will do whatever it takes to get annual pledges and keep track of them. The way the campaign is done can vary—we've used some of these in the past: reach-out via media, Stewardship Fair with games, phone calls, one-on-one meetups, small group dinners, etc. So creative thinkers can help brainstorm how the campaign will work (and we are wise to "change it up" every few years). It also requires some people who are good with data management, article-writing and marketing skills. If enough people step up, it will be easier and more fun for individuals to be a part of this success story. Could you picture yourself helping in a specific way on this committee? If so, please contact the Nominating Committee co-chairs Cindy Kinard / Denise Martin or email connections@anchorageuuf.org



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Anchorage UUF is making an impact in the Earth Month Eco-challenge 2025: Conservation!

April is Earth Day month!

On April 20 we will be having a service and displays focused on reducing our environmental foot print.

During this month the green Sanctuary Committee would like to invite you join in the Eco Challenge at **Earth Month Eco-challenge 2025: Conservation - Anchorage UUF**. It's fun and is also an amazing resource for information on how we can honor the web of life.

Earth Month Eco-challenge, running from April 1st to April 30th, is a 30-day program focused on environmental and social engagement. During this month, you're invited to select actions that resonate with your values, committing to them for 30 days to foster and reinforce positive habits. Each action you complete earns points and generates real-world impact. Your efforts, combined with those of your team, contribute to a significant

collective difference.

This year's theme, "For Earth, For Each Other, For Tomorrow," is about fostering hope and inspiring action for a better future. Through daily actions and shared learning, we can create a more sustainable and equitable world - one where people and nature thrive together. Join us to discover how small steps today can create a ripple effect for future generations.

Click here for the website; [Earthmonth Eco-challenge](#)

Earth Day April 20

We are partnering with Total Reclaim of Anchorage to provide drop off containers for recycling at the fellowship. The Collection containers will be on the west side parking lot. The cost to you is \$0.25 per pound. This will be on the honor system but we will take any amount you wish to donate.

Items:

All types of electronics including, appliances, cords, phones & computers, TV monitor and printers, batteries, light bulbs, fluorescent lights ballasts, vacuums with bags emptied.

Electronics Recycling is our annual Spring Fundraiser event which is planned by the AUUF Green Sanctuary Committee. We are committed to support the mission & values of AUUF. Our intent is to prevent harmful electronics, batteries and other recyclable waste getting into our landfill.

Donations range from \$5 to \$25 (for large heavy items like TV, monitors and printers). Contact Yolanda Meza, 907 764-9234 with any questions.

Become a Solar Energy Champion!

Summary of the Project: The Green Sanctuary committee is working on reducing the carbon footprint of our fellowship as well as our monthly energy bill by installing a solar panel array on the fellowship building. We have obtained proposals for the solar panel array which would offset the majority of our annual electrical use. Thirty percent of the cost of the solar panel installation will be covered by a federal incentive program. The approximate cost of the solar panel array, after federal rebate, is \$30,000. The materials and installation cost of each solar panel is \$1,000. You can join us in this project, and become a Solar Energy Champion, by supporting the purchase of all or part of a solar panel for the array. Funding from other sources is also being pursued by the Green Sanctuary committee. At the conclusion of the project an appreciation plaque with the names of all contributors will be created for the fellowship hall to thank everyone who is able to participate.

[Click here to read the entire article.](#)

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Come Join Us for Lunch!

Sunday April 27th at 12:30pm in the Social Room.

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WhaleCoast News! The Anchorage dates are June 14-19 and July 23-25!

Maya, the WhaleCoast coordinator, has announced that there are still a few open spots in both of the tours if you know anyone who might be interested. These are available for local folks too, including yourself! [Check out the two tours here.](#) She'll close the enrollment in a couple of weeks, so act quickly.

I'm beginning to take volunteers for opening your home for housing guests, providing transportation, and helping with the banquets on June 15 and July 24. This is Jane Hall's last year coordinating the banquets, so we need a couple of volunteers to learn from her to carry on our hospitality. I'd love to have some help with the coordinating the housing and support also. Emails are the best way to reach me: probinson.mr@gmail.com. There is also a form to complete and email to me or leave in the workroom at AUUF, in the labeled folder.

[Download the PDF form here.](#)

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Today At Our Fellowship
Thursday, April 17, 2025

This Weekend @ AUUF

Thursday 4/17/25

6:30 – 9:00 pm Board of Directors

Meeting - In Person (Zoom-Contact Don)

6:30 – 8:00 pm Choir Practice Sanctuary

Friday 4/18/25

8:15 – 11:15 am Music Together

Mountain Song Social Room

12:00 – 2:00 pm Freethinkers in Person

Only Room 7

5:00 – 7:00 pm Alaska Citizens Action

Project: DOGE Sanctuary and Social
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Room 5

4:00 – 7:00 pm Choir Concert

Sunday 4/20/25

**9:00 am The Forum Sunday IN
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Sunday 4/20/25 (Continued)

4:00– 5:30 pm Anchorage Friends

Meeting Sanctuary & Social Room

Monday 4/21/25

1:00 – 3:00 pm Knitting group Room 7

3:30 – 6:00 pm Private Rental

6:30 – 8:00 pm Fireweed Sangha of
Mindful Living - Private Rental Visitors
Welcome Room 5

Tuesday 4/22/25

6:00 - 8:00 pm Private Rental

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Private Room 8

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Meeting

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Choir Concert This Saturday at AUUF

The choir is holding a concert at AUUF this Saturday at 4 PM. Entrance is free, and there will be snacks. Hope to see you there!

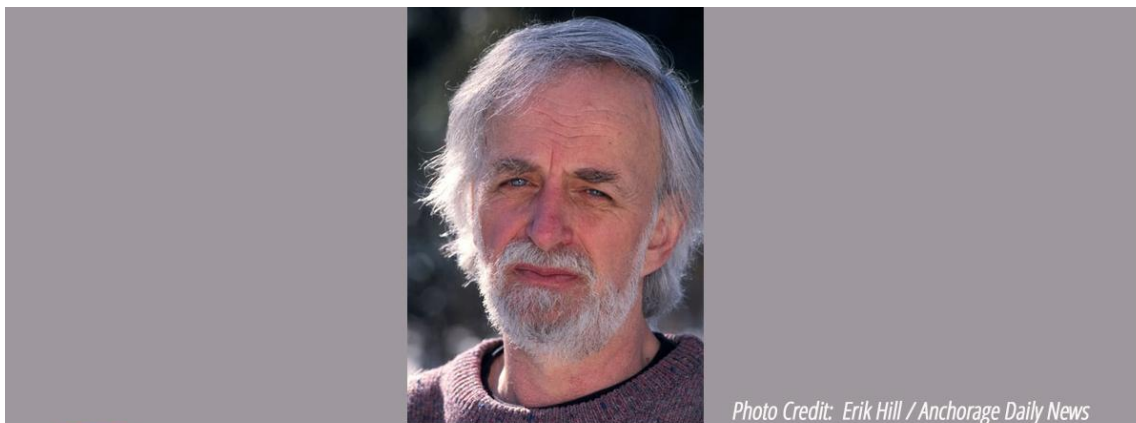


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The Forum IN PERSON & on Zoom 9:00 AM Sunday April 20, 2025
*Celebrating National Poetry Month by Remembering Poet Laureate
Tom Sexton*

The Forum

IN PERSON & on Zoom
9:00 am Sunday April 20, 2025

This Sunday the Forum will celebrate National Poetry Month by hearing about and listening to poetry of Alaska Poet Laureate Tom Sexton, who died last month. Hear a variety of readers, and maybe a surprise or two.

[Click here to join on Zoom.](#)

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Sunday Worship Service IN PERSON & on Zoom
11:00 AM Sunday April 20, 2025

Earth Day Celebration

Donovan Russoniello, Worship Associate Cathy Steen

Sunday Worship Service

IN PERSON & on Zoom

[Click here to join on Zoom.](#)

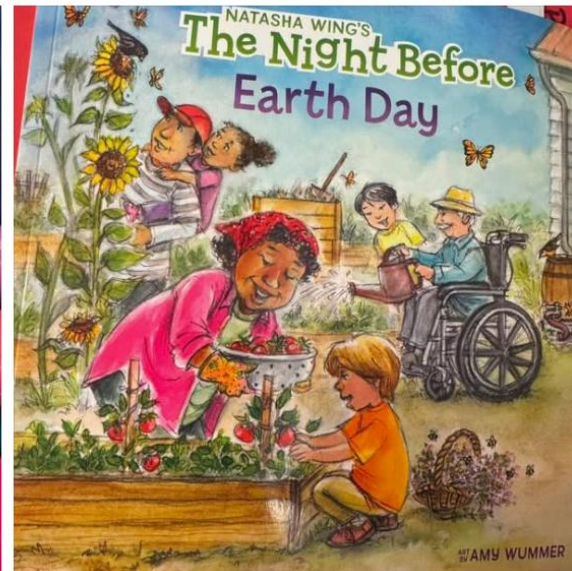
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RE Spring Fun on April 20

Be part of a special morning of springtime fun and learning on April 20th at 11am! We'll explore the importance of Earth Day through storytelling and discuss the role we can each play in making a difference. The kids will enjoy a creative activity, decorating reusable bags with vibrant spring colors, followed by an action-packed Egg Hunt, filled with a variety of thrilling treats!



Earth Day April 20

We are partnering with Total Reclaim of Anchorage to provide drop off containers for recycling at the fellowship. The Collection containers will be on the west side parking lot. The cost to you is \$0.25 per pound. This will be on the honor system but we will take any

amount you wish to donate.

Items:

All types of electronics including, appliances, cords, phones & computers, TV monitor and printers, batteries, light bulbs, fluorescent lights ballasts, vacuums with bags emptied.

Electronics Recycling is our annual Spring Fundraiser event which is planned by the AUUF Green Sanctuary Committee. We are committed to support the mission & values of AUUF. Our intent is to prevent harmful electronics, batteries and other recyclable waste getting into our landfill.

Donations range from \$5 to \$25 (for large heavy items like TV, monitors and printers). Contact Yolanda Meza, 907 764-9234 with any questions.

Anchorage UUF is making an impact in the Earth Month Eco-challenge 2025: Conservation!

April is Earth Day month!

On April 20 we will be having a service and displays focused on reducing our environmental foot print.

During this month the green Sanctuary Committee would like to invite you join in the Eco Challenge at **Earth Month Eco-challenge 2025: Conservation - Anchorage UUF**. It's fun and is also an amazing resource for information on how we can honor the web of life.

Earth Month Eco-challenge, running from April 1st to April 30th, is a 30-day program focused on environmental and social engagement. During this month, you're invited to select actions that resonate with your values, committing to them for 30 days to foster and reinforce positive habits. Each action you complete earns points and generates real-world impact. Your efforts, combined with those of your team, contribute to a significant collective difference.

This year's theme, "For Earth, For Each Other, For Tomorrow," is about fostering hope and inspiring action for a better future. Through daily actions and shared learning, we can create a more sustainable and equitable world - one where people and nature thrive together. Join us to discover how small steps today can create a ripple effect for future generations.

Click here for the website; [Earthmonth Eco-challenge](#)

Become a Solar Energy Champion!

Summary of the Project: The Green Sanctuary committee is working on reducing the carbon footprint of our fellowship as well as our monthly energy bill by installing a solar panel array on the fellowship building. We have obtained proposals for the solar panel array which would offset the majority of our annual electrical use. Thirty percent of the cost of the solar panel installation will be covered by a federal incentive program. The approximate cost of the solar panel array, after federal rebate, is \$30,000. The materials and installation cost of each solar panel is \$1,000. You can join us in this project, and

become a Solar Energy Champion, by supporting the purchase of all or part of a solar panel for the array. Funding from other sources is also being pursued by the Green Sanctuary committee. At the conclusion of the project an appreciation plaque with the names of all contributors will be created for the fellowship hall to thank everyone who is able to participate.

[Click here to read the entire article.](#)

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\$200 will secure your chair! (But you don't have to sit in it! :)

Looking forward to seeing your name on a chair and thinking of you!

Thank you!

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Sunday, April 27



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WhaleCoast News! The Anchorage dates are June 14-19 and July 23-25!

Maya, the WhaleCoast coordinator, has announced that there are still a few open spots in both of the tours if you know anyone who might be interested. These are available for local folks too, including yourself! [Check out the two tours here.](#) She'll close the enrollment in a couple of weeks, so act quickly.

I'm beginning to take volunteers for opening your home for housing guests, providing transportation, and helping with the banquets on June 15 and July 24. This is Jane Hall's last year coordinating the banquets, so we need a couple of volunteers to learn from her to carry on our hospitality. I'd love to have some help with the coordinating the housing and support also. Emails are the best way to reach me: probinson.mr@gmail.com. There is also a form to complete and email to me or leave in the workroom at AUUF, in the labeled folder.

[Download the PDF form here.](#)

Let's hope for a wonderful spring and summer!

Peggy Robinson, WhaleCoast Coordinator

What is the AUUF Endowment Fund?

The March 16 worship service featured Rev. Summer Albayati. A part of her sermon referenced the tale of The Three Little Pigs as a metaphor acknowledging that UUs seek to build homes of brick to support our various missions.

As part of a multi-faceted financially mature financial plan, AUUF has created an Endowment Fund. The idea is that one-time gifts are contributed, and the total value grows until it reaches the goal of \$500K (in fiscal year 2022 dollars), at which point it can be used up to 4% (about \$20K) per year for one-time expenses related to AUUF that are not in the Annual Budget. The list of possible uses is very long and would be approved by the AUUF Board. Donations can be cash, through a Will, as a beneficiary of insurance/retirement, and can include assets such as stocks. Your individual Financial Advisor would have to advise you for your specifics.

Please consider AUUF in your financial planning; whether you provide a single brick or a row of bricks, together we will build a house that will not be blown down!



Picnic Sunday

June 29, July 27 and August 24

Join us once a month this Summer for, Picnic Sunday! Pack and bring your own picnic lunch to the Fellowship and stay after to visit. The kids can play on the wonderful playground! Dates for Picnic Sunday are June 29, July 27 and August 24.

Save the Date(s)! Fall Frolic 2025!

September 5-7, 2025

Fall Frolic will be September 5-7, 2025 at Birchwood Camp. More details, information and registration will be available July 2025. For now, mark your calendars! You don't want to miss this weekend of fun, friends and fellowship!



Standing Together: How Your Support Makes a Difference in Our Community



April HALF PORTION FOR SOCIAL ACTION:

Standing Together Against Rape (STAR)

For nearly half a century, Standing Together Against Rape (STAR) has been a lifeline for survivors of sexual violence in Alaska. Our free and confidential Crisis Line is available 24/7, providing a crucial first point of contact for those seeking help. Whether it's day or night, our dedicated staff and volunteers are always ready to assist.

Our support doesn't stop at the helpline. Our Direct Services advocates offer immediate crisis response, one-on-one support, medical and court accompaniment, and long-term care to ensure survivors receive comprehensive support. In fiscal year 2024, we assisted 439 clients through Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) call-outs and provided over 16,500 advocacy services for 542 clients. Our Prevention and Education programs reached more than 1,425 youth and included 54 presentations for 1,447 adults to raise community awareness. As the demand for our services continues to grow, STAR remains committed to helping survivors and educating the community. Want to get involved? Visit our website at www.staralaska.com, email us at star@staralaska.org, or call (907) 276-7279.

You can contribute in person at our Sunday services or online by visiting anchorageuuf.org click on the Half-Portion note or Donate/ Pay at the bottom of the home page. Enter your donation under "Half-Portion for Social Action."

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Our AUUF Covenant

Together . . .

We seek to be an open and welcoming community.

We strive to listen deeply and speak with one another and to our larger community with consideration and respect.

We hold each of us and all of this amazing world worthy of our attention, compassion and care.

Together we are Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.



Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (907) 248-3737

Rev. Lise Adams Sherry, (she/ her), Minister,

RevLise@anchorageuuf.org, 907-248-3737 x2,

Office hours are usually Tu 11-3; Th and F 11-3, and by appointment

*On sabbatical March 17, 2025 through June 30, 2025.

Jennifer Bluntach (she/her), Director of Religious Exploration

DRE@anchorageuuf.org

Office hours usually are:

Sunday 9am-11am, Tuesday 11am-3pm, Thursday, 11am-3pm, and by appointment

Richard Stoneking, (he/him), Congregational Administrator

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Communications@anchorageuuf.org

Kelly's remote office hours Mon-Fri 9 am -1 pm

Esme Danner (she/her) Music Director

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Rebecca Bernard, (she/ her), Affiliated Community Minister

RBernard.AK@gmail.com

Dan Norton: AV Coordinator

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Contact the Connections Team for more information on how to get involved.

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Thursday, April 24, 2025

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Room 5

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Informational Lunch Social Room

4:00– 5:30 pm Anchorage Friends
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Monday 4/28/25

1:00 – 3:00 pm Knitting group Room 7

3:30 – 6:00 pm Private Rental

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Welcome Room 5

Tuesday 4/29/25

6:00 – 7:00 pm Community Connection -
Private Room 8

Wednesday 4/30/25

2:45 – 5:45 pm Music Together Mountain
Song Social Room

6:30 – 8:00 pm Dr Royce Dream Class
Room 8

Thursday 5/1/25

5:30 – 7:00 pm Anti-Racism Team
Meeting Library & Zoom



The Forum IN PERSON & on Zoom 9:00 AM Sunday April 27, 2025
Healthy Futures with Harlow Robinson

The Forum

IN PERSON & on Zoom
9:00 am Sunday April 27, 2025

[Click here to join on Zoom.](#)
[Click here for Speaker's Bio.](#)



FROM YOUTH
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Sunday Worship Service IN PERSON & on Zoom 11:00 AM Sunday
April 27, 2025
Bridging Ceremony of High School Students
Jenn Bluntach DRE, and Renee Frost

Sunday Worship Service

IN PERSON & on Zoom
11:00 am Sunday April 27, 2025

This Sunday, April 27, we are excited to hold a special Bridging service to honor three wonderful high school seniors from AUUF: Nora, Denali, and Levi. It will be a proud moment for all of us as we celebrate their achievements and journeys. We invite you to bring your children to this service so they can see what they can look forward to as they grow up in our Religious Education (RE) program here at AUUF. It's a great chance for them to witness the importance of community and the paths they can take in the future.

For families who have younger kids who may not attend the service, we will provide childcare in Room 3. So, please join us in celebrating our seniors and inspiring the next generation. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing this special occasion together!

[Click here to join on Zoom.](#)

Come Join Us for Lunch!

Would you like to learn first-hand about the Endowment Fund? The Endowment Fund Committee is holding an informational luncheon on Sunday April 27th after the 11am Worship Service at 12:30pm in the Social Room. Please let us know that you are coming so we can provide enough food for everyone. RSVP to James Denney at alaskakingdad@yahoo.com or leave a message at 907-529-5411.

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Happy Lesbian Visibility Week

To our lesbian congregants, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family members, whether cis, trans, non-binary, or genderqueer, whether still exploring or already sure of who you are . . . we extend some special love to you this week!

Lesbian Visibility Week is celebrated in the U.S. and several other countries from Monday, April 21 to Sunday, April 27. The event was started in 2020 by Linda Riley, publisher of the U.K.-based magazine DIVA, a magazine for LGBTQIA women and non-binary people. The official host for this event in the U.S. this year is the non-profit Curve Foundation. According to the Curve Foundation, LVW is “a beacon of support, shining a light on the experiences, perspectives, and needs of LGBTQ+ women and nonbinary people. Our mission is to foster greater understanding, enhance visibility, and build a lasting, positive legacy for our community.” Check out their [programs for LVW here:](#)

[Click here to read the entire article.](#)

Hello AUUF Members and Friends!

A message from Jenn Bluntach, DRE

I want to share that I will be away for most of May because I am traveling to Minnesota to

welcome my second grandchild into the world. It is an exciting time for my family, and I am looking forward to meeting the new baby.

While I am there, I will still be working remotely on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I will check my emails and respond to any messages you send on those days. I will return to Anchorage on Memorial Day, and after that, I will start final preparations for Peace Camp.

This year has been wonderful, and I can't wait to see what the future brings for all of us at AUUF. Thank you for your understanding and support. I hope you all enjoy this lovely spring season!

Warm wishes,
Jenn Bluntach

Being a Liaison for the Board

Kathleen Rutherford

Part of my role as a board member is being a liaison to 2 other AUUF committees/teams: Connections and Green Sanctuary. As such, it is my role to stay in touch with what is happening in those two groups and report any necessary information to the board at our monthly meetings. All other board members act as liaisons to other AUUF committees and teams.

The Green Sanctuary team works toward making our Fellowship more environmentally sound, and as such the team has been working on three main items over the past few months. The team just led the service on April 20th in honor of Earth Day. During that service members and friends heard about the electronic recycling project that happened that day, as well as the solar panel project the team is working to raise money towards. Cathy Steen, the chair of the Green Sanctuary team, also talked about the upcoming plant sale that will occur at the end of May. Both the electronics recycling project and the plant sale are fund raisers toward the solar panel project, which will allow AUUF to become much more self-sufficient with our energy needs.

The Connections committee is the team that hosts events to help form relationships among the people who are a part of AUUF. This team oversees membership classes and new member recognition. They organize events and Sunday hospitality, as well as keep track of visitors and order name tags for people. The team is in the process of creating a new brochure for visitors and newcomers about how to become a member of the Fellowship. Without this team we wouldn't have greeters on Sunday mornings or as many events to bring us together. This team enables connections between people to happen at AUUF.

If you have an interest in joining either of these teams, you are invited to do so. As a board member, I would like to remind you that the AUUF Annual Meeting will be held on the first Sunday in May. This meeting allows the Board to present information about what is happening with the Fellowship to members and friends. There are items that need to be voted on, and there must be a quorum for a vote to be counted. I encourage everyone to attend the meeting to have a say in what is happening in your Fellowship. The meeting will be from 10 am to 12 pm on Sunday, May 4th.

Please feel free to contact me at krutherford13@gmail.com or 530-636-3019 if you have any questions or concerns.

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Standing Together: How Your Support Makes a Difference in Our Community



April HALF PORTION FOR SOCIAL ACTION: Standing Together Against Rape (STAR)

For nearly half a century, Standing Together Against Rape (STAR) has been a lifeline for survivors of sexual violence in Alaska. Our free and confidential Crisis Line is available 24/7, providing a crucial first point of contact for those seeking help. Whether it's day or night, our dedicated staff and volunteers are always ready to assist.

Our support doesn't stop at the helpline. Our Direct Services advocates offer immediate crisis response, one-on-one support, medical and court accompaniment, and long-term care to ensure survivors receive comprehensive support. In fiscal year 2024, we assisted 439 clients through Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) call-outs and provided over 16,500 advocacy services for 542 clients. Our Prevention and Education programs reached more than 1,425 youth and included 54 presentations for 1,447 adults to raise community awareness. As the demand for our services continues to grow, STAR remains committed to helping survivors and educating the community. Want to get involved? Visit our website at www.staralaska.com, email us at star@staralaska.org, or call (907) 276-7279.

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Our AUUF Covenant

Together . . .

We seek to be an open and welcoming community.

We strive to listen deeply and speak with one another and to our larger community with consideration and respect.

We hold each of us and all of this amazing world worthy of our attention, compassion and care.

Together we are Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.



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